

## From the American Community Survey: 1999

# Population and Housing Profile: Sevier County, Tennessee

NOTES: The population estimates in this profile are for people living in households and group quarters.

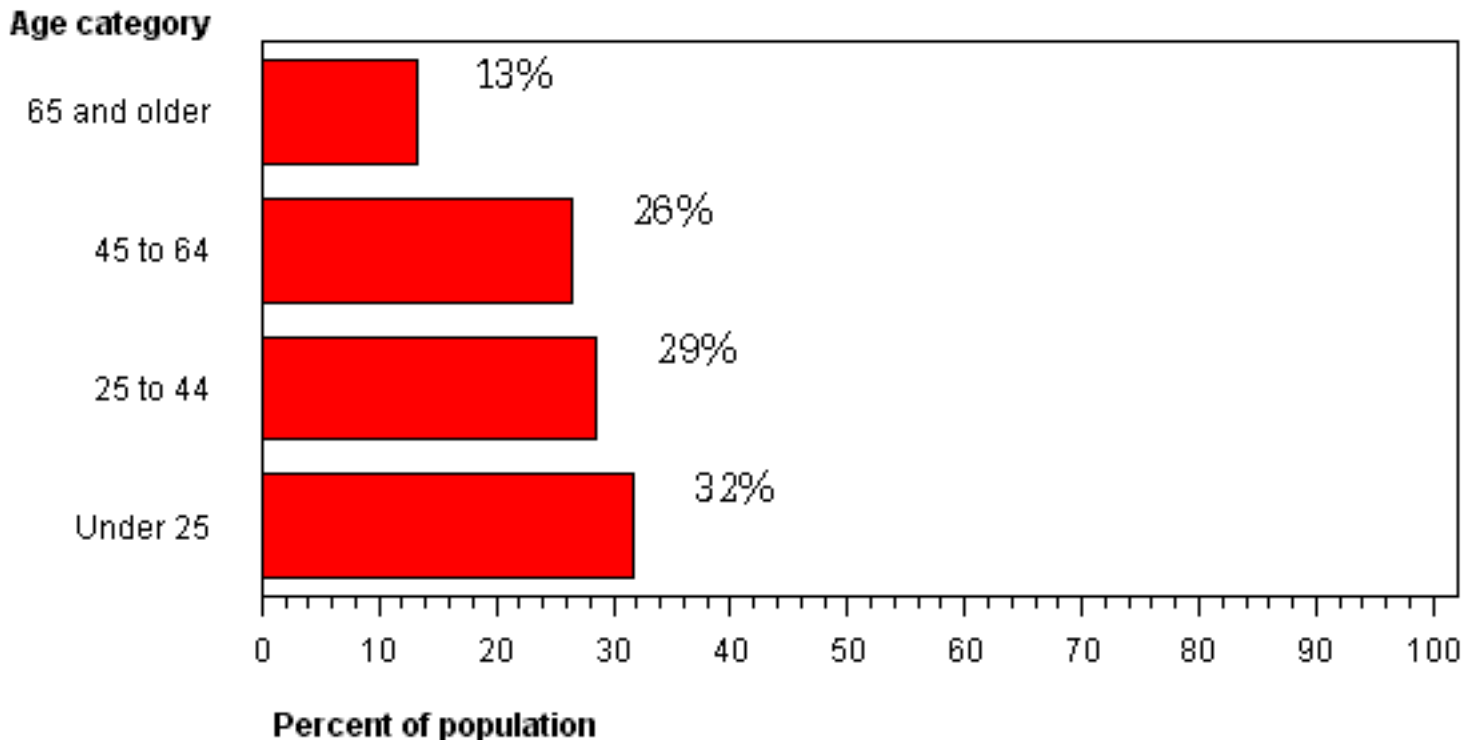
In the narrative profile below, if one sample estimate is larger than another, it does not necessarily mean that the same holds for their true values for the entire population. These estimates are derived from a sample of housing units and measure the true values with a degree of uncertainty. In the Profiles found at [www.census.gov/acs/www/index\\_c.htm](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index_c.htm), this uncertainty is represented by the 90 percent confidence interval given for each estimate. For further information on confidence intervals see the Accuracy of the Data documents at [www.census.gov/acs/www/index\\_b.htm](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index_b.htm).

Caution should be used when comparing data by race from previous years with those for 1999 due to the Census Bureau's implementation of the October 1997 revised standards for data on race and ethnicity. For the 1999 data, respondents may report one or more races and there are seven (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White, some other race, and two or more races) instead of five racial tabulation categories. The two or more races category includes all respondents who reported more than one race. See the methodology section for more details regarding these changes.

**These data are preliminary and should not be used for official purposes.**

**POPULATION OF Sevier County:** In 1999, Sevier County had a population of 65,783. The median age was 38.6 years. Twenty-three percent were under 18 years and 13 percent were 65 or older. There were 51 percent women and 49 percent men.

## The Age Distribution of People in Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999



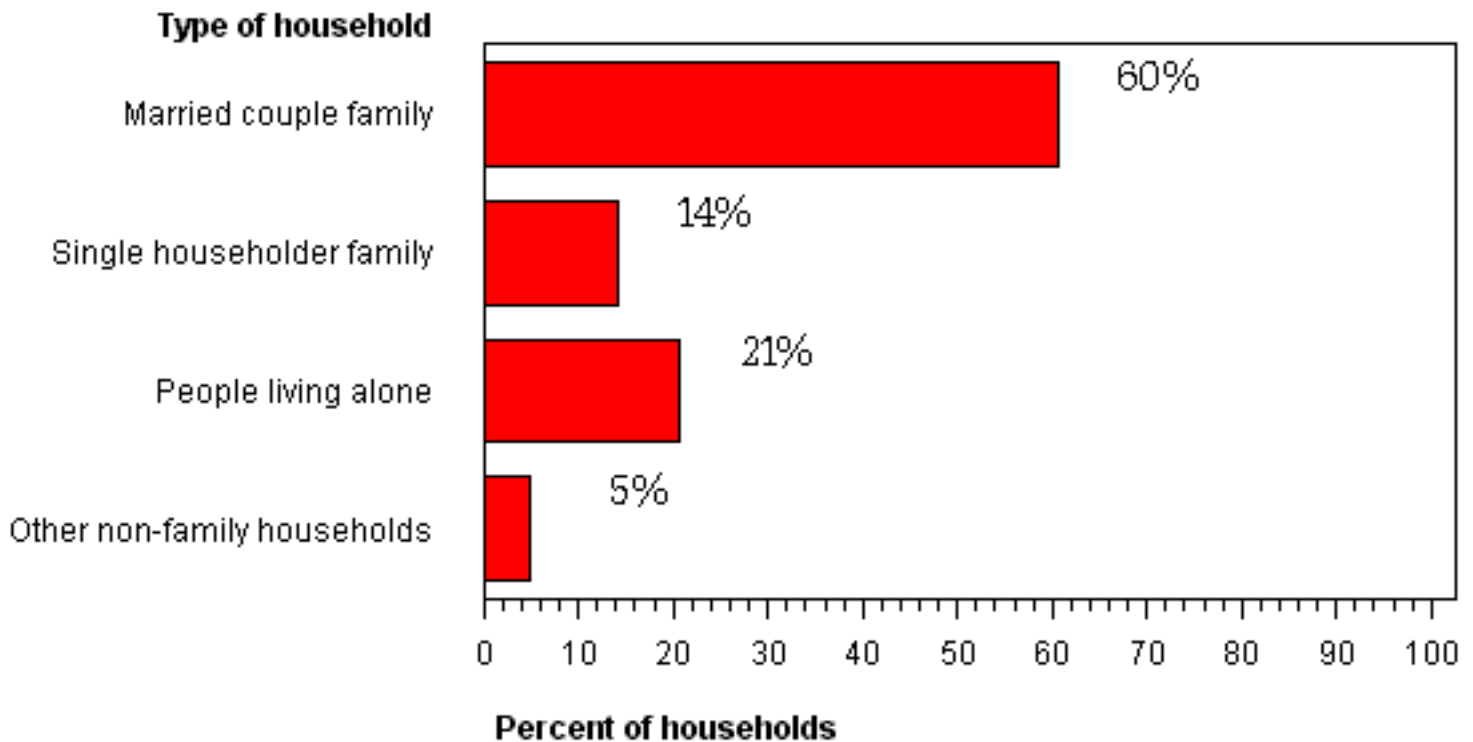
Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

For people reporting one race, 97 percent of the people in Sevier County were White, not of Hispanic origin; less than 0.5 percent were Black or African American, 1 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native, 1 percent were Asian, and less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. One percent reported two or more races. One percent of the people of Sevier County were of Hispanic origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** In 1999 there were 26,183 households in Sevier County. The average household size was 2.5 people.

Families made up 75 percent of the households in Sevier County that year. This figure includes both married couple families (60 percent) and other families with no spouse present (14 percent). Non-family households made up 25 percent of all households in Sevier County. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were people living in households maintained by non-relatives.

## The Types of Households in Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999



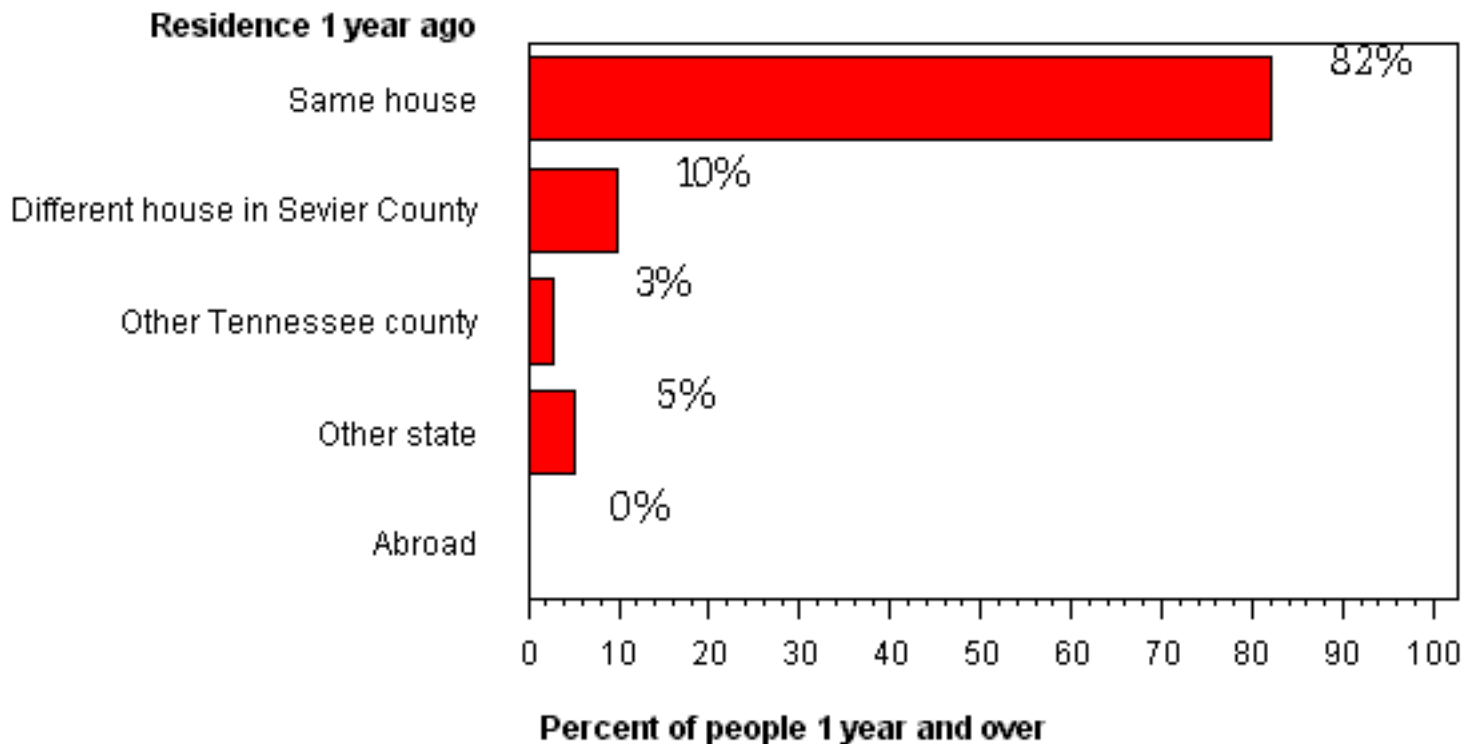
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**NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE:** Two percent of the people living in Sevier County in 1999 were foreign born. Ninety-eight percent were native born, including 56 percent who were born in the State of Tennessee.

Among people at least five years old living in Sevier County in 1999, 1,263 spoke a language other than English at home. Of this group, 41 percent spoke Spanish, and 59 percent spoke some other language; 27 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well".

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** In 1999, 82 percent of the people one year or older living in Sevier County were living in the same house one year earlier; 10 percent had moved during the past year from another house in the same county, 3 percent from another Tennessee county, 5 percent from another state, and less than 0.5 percent from abroad.

## Geographic Mobility of Residents of Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999

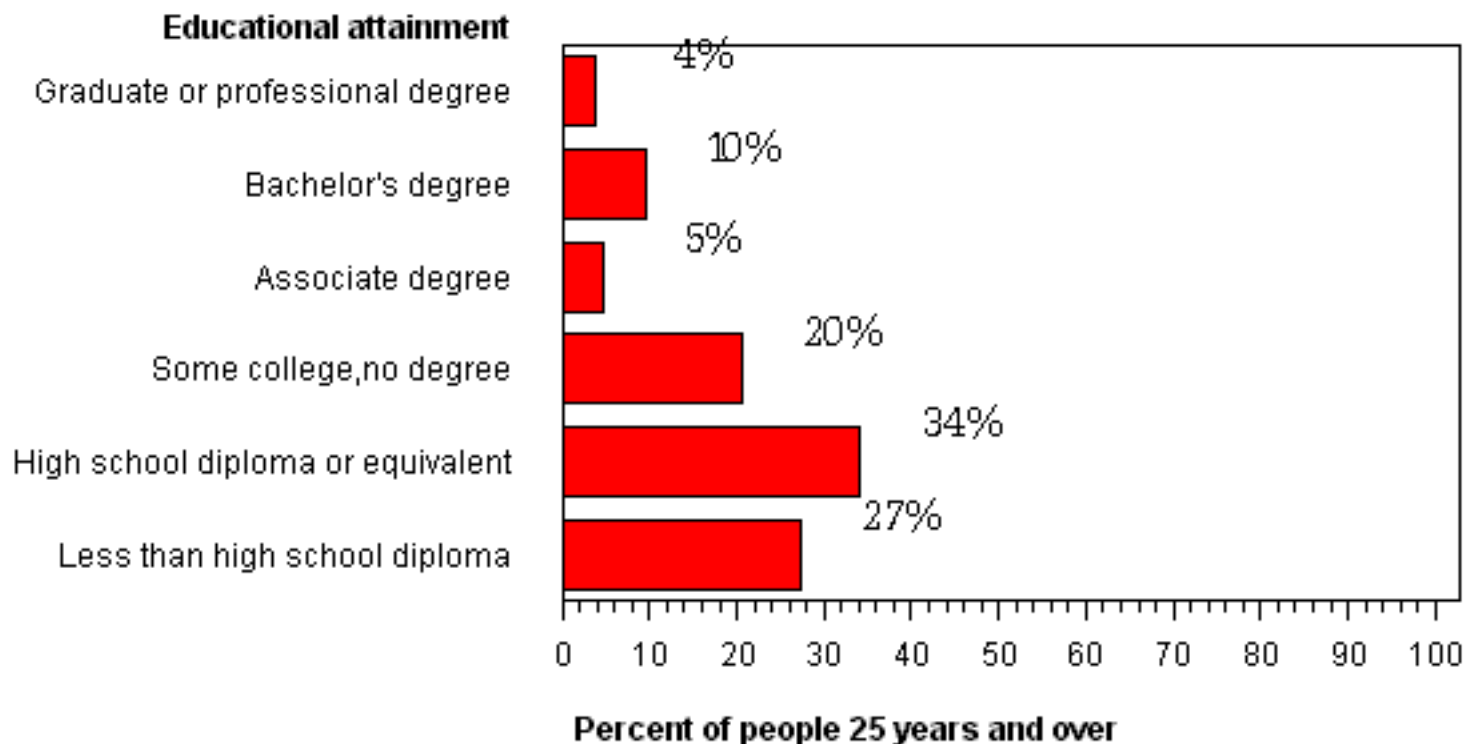


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**EDUCATION:** In 1999, 73 percent of people at least 25 years old had at least graduated from high school and 13 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among people 16 to 19 years old, 20 percent were dropouts: They were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Sevier County was 12,755 in 1999. Preprimary school enrollment was 1,531 and 9,715 children were enrolled in elementary or high school. College enrollment was 1,509.

## The Educational Attainment of People in Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999



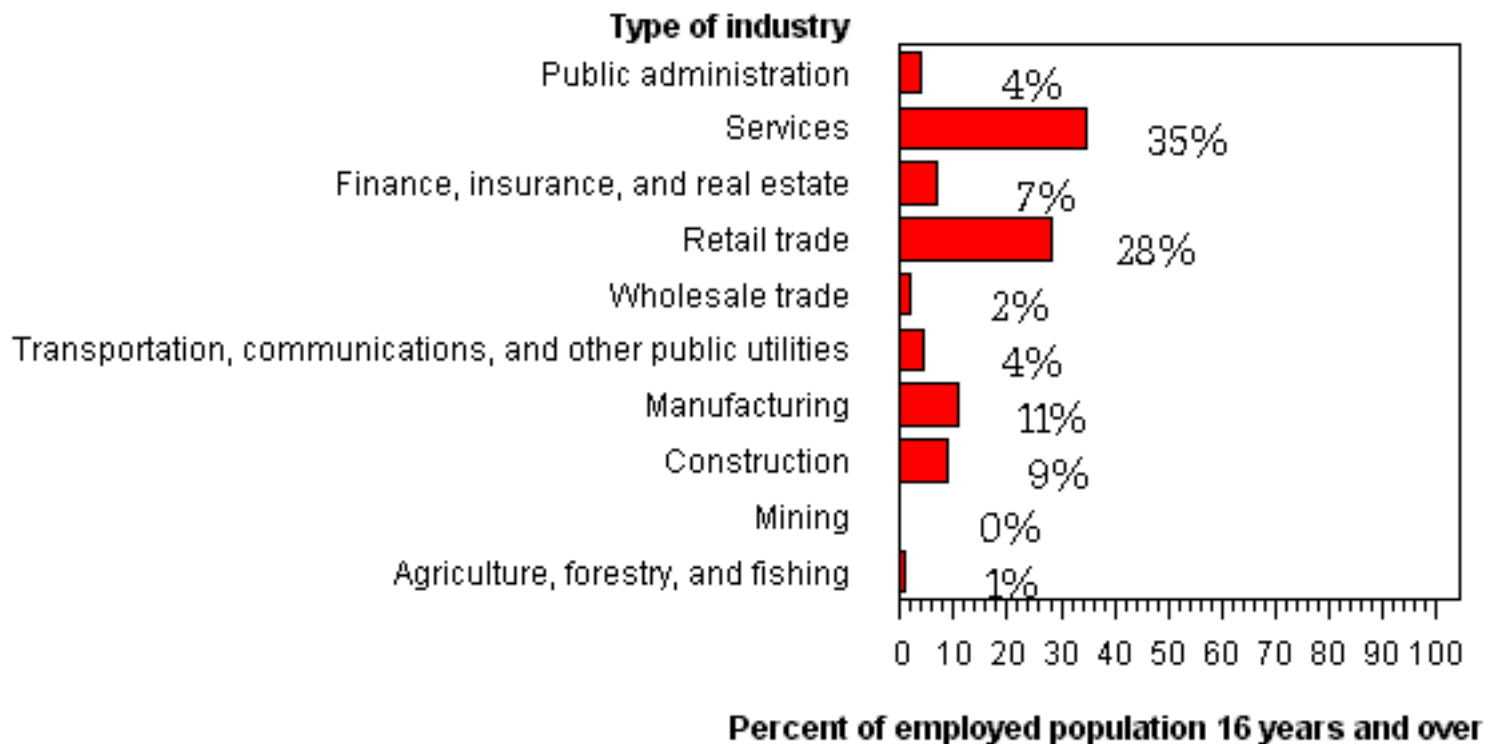
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**DISABILITY:** In Sevier County, among people at least five years old in 1999, 22 percent had a disability. The likelihood of having one or more functional limitations varied by age - from 9 percent of people 5 to 20 years old, to 21 percent of people 21 to 64 years old, to 48 percent of those 65 and older.

**INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER:** In 1999, for the employed population 16 and older, the leading industries in Sevier County were Services, 35 percent, and Retail trade, 28 percent.

Among the most common occupations were: Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations, 31 percent; Managerial and professional specialty occupations, 23 percent; Service occupations, 21 percent; Operators, fabricators, and laborers, 12 percent; and Precision production, craft, and repair occupations, 12 percent. Seventy-four percent of the people in the employed labor force were Private wage and salary workers; 12 percent were Federal, state, or local government workers; and 12 percent were Self-employed.

## Employment by Industry in Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** Eighty percent of Sevier County workers drove to work alone in 1999 and 13 percent car- or van-pooled. On average it took them 22 minutes to get to work.

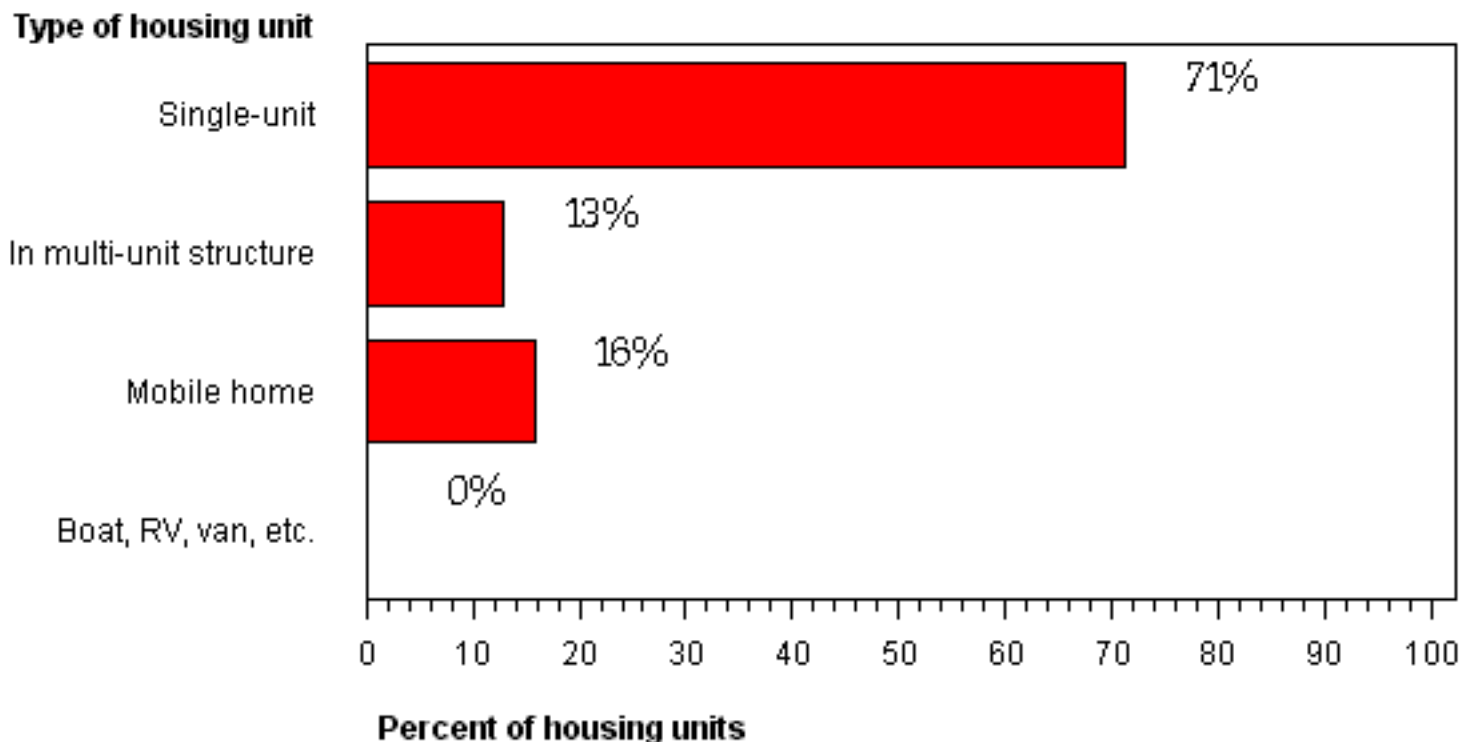
**INCOME:** The median income of households in Sevier County was \$29,941. Eighty percent of the households received earnings and 17 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

**POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** In 1999, 13 percent of all families had incomes below the poverty level, compared with 29 percent of families with a female householder and no spouse present.

Nineteen percent of the households in Sevier County received means-tested public assistance or noncash benefits. Twenty-nine percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$10,077.

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** In 1999, Sevier County had a total of 31,533 housing units. Housing in Sevier County was spread among 22,430 single-family homes (detached or attached), 4,983 mobile homes, and 4,088 units in multi-unit structures.

## The Types of Housing Units in Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999



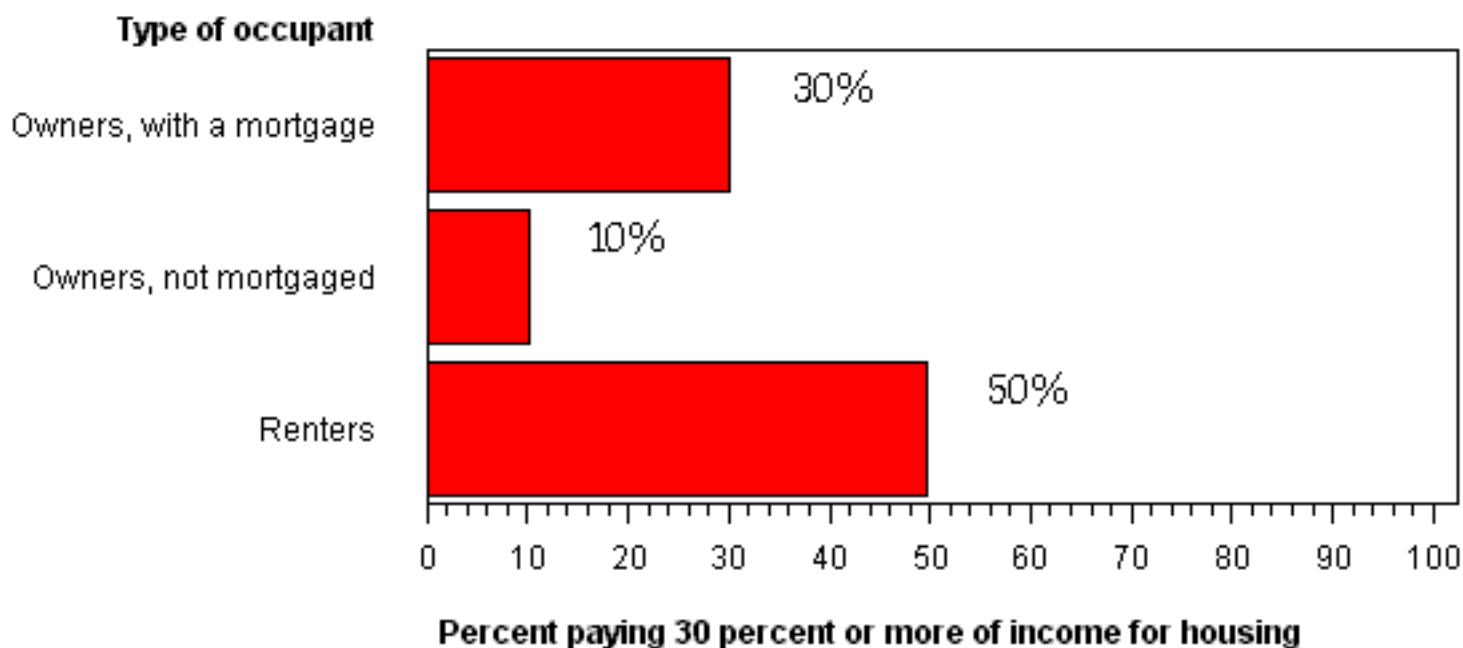
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In 1999, 17 percent of the housing units in Sevier County were vacant. Thirty-six percent of the vacant units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Thirty-two percent of the housing units were built since 1990. One hundred percent of Sevier County housing units had complete plumbing and 100 percent had complete kitchen facilities.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPANTS:** The occupied units consisted of 19,385 that were owned by residents and 6,798 that were rented. Three percent of the households occupying these units reported not having telephone service in their home and 3 percent did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi-vehicle households were not rare. Forty percent had two vehicles and another 26 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** Forty-one percent of owners with mortgages in Sevier County spent less than 20 percent of their household income on housing; 30 percent spent 30 percent or more on housing. Among renters, 25 percent spent less than 20 percent of their household income on rent and 50 percent spent 30 percent or more on rent. The median gross rent was \$490 per month.

## Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Sevier County, Tennessee in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999